



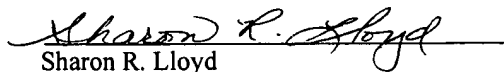
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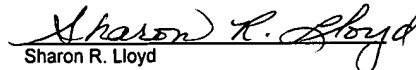
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 26, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I, drawn to oligonucleotides including claims 1, 6-10 and 13-24 and a species of $X_1 = A$, $X_2 = A$, and $N_1 = \text{ATTTTTTTTTTA}$, with traverse.

Applicants have elected Group I, drawn to oligonucleotides including claims 1, 6-10 and 13-24 and a species of $X_1 = A$, $X_2 = A$, and $N_1 = \text{ATTTTTTTTTTA}$, with traverse.

The traversal is on the grounds that the invention is directed to a class of compounds sharing common structural features and methods of using that class of compounds to induce an immune response for treating disorders affected by the immune system. The members of the class of compounds are oligonucleotides.

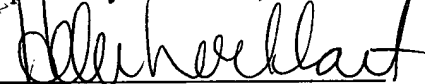
Initially, the Examiner has required that the claims of this invention be separated into 20 different inventions, encompassing the compositions and each of the methods of treatment. It is not this aspect of the restriction requirement that is traversed. In addition to the 20-way restriction, the Examiner has indicated that Applicants must elect specific oligonucleotides falling within the claimed genus. The claimed class of oligonucleotides share a common structural motif, similar to a chemical structure and have common functional properties. A search and examination of the entire class of oligonucleotides would not require an undue burden because the oligonucleotides that are the subject matter of the claims are a related class of chemical compounds having a generic common structural entity.

Applicants acknowledge the indication by the examiner that upon allowance of a generic claim that additional species will be considered.

Having made the election, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

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